



BORNEO'S HEART

Day 1: Arrive Kuching

Welcome to Kuching, the gateway to Borneo. Upon arrival, transfer to your hotel and settle in, taking time to rest after your journey.

Day 2: Kuching – Batang Ai

After breakfast, set out on a scenic drive toward Batang Ai. Along the way, stop at the lively Serian market, stroll through a pepper farm, and discover wild orchids and pitcher plants on the roadside. Pause for lunch in Lachau, a charming upcountry village, before continuing to the shimmering Batang Ai Lake. A ferry ride across the lake brings you to your retreat at the Batang Ai Longhouse Resort, surrounded by jungle and still waters.

Day 3: Batang Ai

Step into the living traditions of the Iban people as you journey by longboat to a native longhouse. Be welcomed with the rhythm of gongs and a ceremonial war dance in full regalia. Share stories, laughter, and a traditional lunch with Iban families, followed by the chance to wander on a nature walk through the lush rainforest.

Day 4: Batang Ai – Kuching

Savor a final breakfast by the lake before your return journey to Kuching. The scenic drive offers more glimpses of rural life and landscapes. Stop for a leisurely lunch en route, then settle back into your hotel.

Day 5: Kuching – White Rajah Trail – Kota Kinabalu

This morning, trace the footsteps of the legendary “White Rajahs” on a walking tour through Kuching’s historic streets. Admire colonial landmarks like the Astana and the Old Court House, visit Sarawak’s oldest Chinese temple, and wander Carpenter, Gambier, and India streets. Explore the city’s oldest mosque before transferring to the airport for your flight to Kota Kinabalu, where your hotel awaits.

Day 6: Marine Ecology Research Centre, Gaya Island

Today, take a boat to beautiful Gaya Island to visit the Marine Ecology Research Centre. Learn about inspiring efforts to restore coral reefs and protect the population of Giant Clams, and enjoy a fresh seafood lunch that supports sustainable fishing practices.

Day 7: Kota Kinabalu – Sandakan – Sukau Rainforest Lodge

Fly to Sandakan in the early morning and visit the world-renowned Sepilok Orangutan Rehabilitation Centre, where you’ll witness these gentle primates at feeding time. Nearby, meet the world’s smallest bear at the Borneo Sun Bear Conservation Centre. After lunch, a speedboat carries you along the Kinabatangan River to the award-winning Sukau Rainforest Lodge. Along the journey, watch for proboscis monkeys, hornbills, and perhaps even the rare Bornean pygmy elephant. Settle into the lodge before heading out for your first river safari at dusk.

Day 8: Sukau

Awaken with the jungle and embark on a dawn river safari as the rainforest comes alive with sound and movement. Glide toward the Kelenanap Ox-Bow Lake in search of birdlife and wildlife before returning for breakfast. Later, take a guided walk along the lodge’s Hornbill Boardwalk to learn more about the forest’s intricate ecosystem.

Day 9: Sukau – Gomantong Caves – Sukau

This morning, explore the Menanggol River on another wildlife-rich cruise. After lunch, venture into the mysterious Gomantong Caves, where swiftlets and bats live in vast chambers. The surrounding rainforest, abundant with fruiting fig trees, offers a strong chance to see wild orangutans. As the sun sets, soak in the atmosphere before returning to Sukau.

Day 10: Sukau – Sandakan

Return to Sandakan after breakfast. Visit the Rainforest Discovery Centre, walking its canopy walkway high above the trees for breathtaking views. Explore the botanical gardens, filled with orchids, medicinal plants, and forest species, before enjoying a final evening in this jungle city.

Day 11: Sandakan Departure

Your Borneo adventure draws to a close. After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your onward journey – carrying with you the unforgettable sights, sounds, and spirit of Borneo's heart.